

13. Report forms will be furnished to organizations included in the survey, and additional copies of the forms are available upon request to the Director, Bureau of the Census, Washington, DC 20233-0101.

Based upon the foregoing, I have directed that the 1998 Company Organization Survey be conducted for the purpose of collecting these data.

Dated: November 18, 1998.

Kenneth Prewitt,

Director, Bureau of the Census.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Export Administration

Update of the National Security Assessment of the U.S. Cartridge and Propellant Actuated Device Industry

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before February 2, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Brad Botwin, Director, Strategic Analysis Division, Bureau of Export Administration (BXA), Department of Commerce, Room 3876, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (telephone no. (202) 482-4060, fax no. (202) 482-5650, e-mail address: bbotwin@bxa.doc.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Commerce/BXA, in consultation with Naval Surface Warfare Center/Indian Head Division (NSWC/IHD) is conducting a follow-on national security assessment of the domestic cartridge and propellant actuated device industry in order to re-evaluate the health and competitiveness of the U.S. industry

and its ability to support current and future defense needs. The original assessment was conducted in 1994 (approved under OMB Control No. 0694-0080), and NSWC/IHD is interested in conducting a follow-on assessment in light of recent Navy and industry actions to maintain and enhance this critical sector.

II. Method of Collection

The information will be collected using a non-recurring, mandatory survey. It will be collected in written form.

III. Data

The survey will collect information on the nature of the business performed by each firm; estimated sales and employment data; financial information; research and development expenditures and funding sources; capital expenditures and funding sources; and competitiveness issues.

OMB Number: None.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: The domestic U.S. cartridge and propellant actuated device industry.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 40.

Estimated Time Per Response: 5.0 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 200 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$0 for respondents—no equipment or other materials will need to be purchased to comply with the requirement.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: November 30, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Marine Mammals; Scientific Research Permit (PHF# 393-1480)

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Ms. Deborah A. Glockner-Ferrari, Center for Whale Studies, 39 Woodvine Court, Covington, Louisiana 70433-4724, has applied in due form for a permit to take North Pacific humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) and several species of small odontocete cetaceans for purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before January 4, 1999.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);

Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (562/980-4001); and

Protected Species Program Manager, Pacific Islands Area Office, 2570 Dole Street, Room 106, Honolulu, HI 9682-2396 (808/973-2987).

Written data or views, or requests for a public hearing on this request, should be submitted to the Director, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301) 713-0376, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period. Please note that comments will not be accepted by e-mail or by other electronic media.